



Continuity Planning Program Office

Continuity of Operation Planning / Continuity of Government Newsletter

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This newsletter is developed to inform employees of the State of Colorado on the efforts being performed to ensure the recovery of critical functions and the safety of employees in the face of man-made, or natural disaster.

Introduction

Welcome to the sixteenth edition of the Continuity Planning newsletter. This newsletter is intended to keep employees informed about this important effort which could affect us all as employees and also residents of Colorado. This newsletter will be produced on a regular basis to show the progress being made and benefits to citizens, employees, and State government itself. Feel free to ask questions and provide feedback as this is a collaborative effort that affects everyone.

Continuity Guidance Circular #1

After a long wait, the Continuity Guidance Circular #1 (CGC 1) has been released. This guidance is targeted towards State, Local, Tribal and Territorial jurisdictions and follows the theme of Federal Continuity Directive 1 and 2 (FCD 1 & 2). FEMA is an excellent source of best practices in Continuity Planning and for any State agency receiving Federal funds. This Guidance serves as a 'how to' for Continuity Planning and is an excellent guide to integrate with Federal and Local agencies using common language and terms.

While the key elements have survived since FPC 65 and into FCD 1, the appendices provide a significant amount of detail, explanation and guidance in developing, assessing, exercising and improving on the Continuity Plan.

It is important to understand there is no need to do a wholesale change to an existing plan that suits and works for your agency and to match the format laid out in this document. However, there are some assessment and improvement areas in the appendices that are worthwhile to read and consider as a basis for improving the plan for your agencies.

A link to CGC #1 is <http://www.nemaweb.org/default.aspx?2980>

Upcoming Events

The **Continuity of Operations Program Managers Train the Trainer Class (L548)** will be held March 18-20 at DU and March 24-26 at CDPHE Lowry. For those of you who have taken this class, these are two opportunities to 'give back' and assist in teaching a module or two. If you are interested in attending or are available to teach, please contact Kent Smiley at 303 866 3830 or at kent.smiley@state.co.us

Continuity of Operations Planning Train the Trainer Class (L550) May 19-21

Both of these classes are available at the Emergency Management Institute in Emmitsberg, MD who fund all but the per diem in what would be a week long travel commitment.

The **Determined Accord Pandemic Influenza Exercise** will be held April 22nd at the Federal Highway Administration.

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